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NEXT MEETING- Mark Segal

The next meeting of C.C.B.C. will feature Mark Segal, gay activist from Philadelphia, and publisher of the Philadelphia Gay News. Mark will be sharing with us some of the experiences of the Philadelphia attempt to achieve gay rights in 1975. Mark was a leading figure of that fight, once conducting a public fast which forced Philadelphia City Council to move gay rights. They lost in '75, but currently, a new drive for gay rights has begun in Philadelphia.

The meeting will be held at CONFRONT, 1130 Walnut Street, Allentown on Wednesday, November 30th at 7:30 P.M. A short business session will follow Mark's presentation. The items for the agenda of that meeting are: action report on the plans made last meeting; progress reports on support statements, petitions, and contacts; nominations for office; and a report from the gay line committee meeting to consider steps to be taken on founding a gay switchboard.

LAST MEETING

The last meeting on Nov. 16th was conducted by Ms. Carol Block, NOW member and supporter of gay rights. A discussion of structure for C.C.B.C. resulted in a plan to nominate 2 co-chair persons, two or three vice-chair persons, a recorder, and a financial officer. Also, it was decided to create an advisory board of professional and/or well known Allentown citizens who support gay rights. Persons nominated for the advisory board are being contacted, but, new nominations are welcome.

CarolAnn, convenor of the Strategy Committee presented the report of that committee. The report was favorably received.

A discussion of gay support systems wound up with the appointment of a committee of professionals from CONFRONT to study how such a system could be enacted.

EDITORIAL- The Ultimate Goal, by Joe

Win or lose on gay rights, we think that C.C.B.C. has worked in all its plans and actions toward a definable goal. We call it "constituency", by which we mean getting to be part of the considerations Allentown people make of their society. City Council, whether or not they grant gay rights cannot ignore the fact that gays are some of the voters and citizens in Allentown. Through the proposed pamphlet, we hoped to establish that we are friends, neighbors, sons and daughters of Allentown, a gay community which cannot be left out in the future of Allentown. Through the gay switchboard, we would show that we are people who CARE for their own, and who desire health and well-being and self-fulfillment for ourselves.

We know that we are contributors to our society. Witness the humanitarian work and volunteer efforts of our own members, including the humanitarian goals of C.C.B.C. itself. And let us take our place among the other good citizens of Allentown.

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